

## **HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING: JULY 26, 2022**

The Howard County Council met in Regular Session on Tuesday July 26, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. in Hearing Room 338 of the Howard County Administration Center. Those in attendance included Council President Jamie L. Bolser, Council Vice President John J. Roberts, James T. Papacek, Martha J. Lake, Daryl Maple and Donnie Haworth; not in attendance was Bryan Alexander. Also in attendance were County Auditor Jessica Secrease and County Attorney Alan Wilson. The meeting was called to order and conducted by Council President Jamie L. Bolser.

Council President Jamie Bolser led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Councilwoman Lake gave a word of prayer.

### **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes from the regular meeting held on June 28, 2022, having been previously submitted and reviewed, were approved on a motion made by Councilwoman Lake. Councilman Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

### **IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE NO. 2022-HCCO-33 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS:**

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Ordinance No. 2022-HCCO-33 – Additional Appropriations one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

	<b>Additional Appropriations and Reductions</b>	<b>Requested</b>	<b>Approved</b>
<b><u>1000</u></b>	<b><u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u></b>		
<b><u>0005</u></b>	<b><u>Sheriff:</u></b>		
11100	Elected Official	4,260.00	Tabled
<b><u>0013</u></b>	<b><u>Center Township Assessor:</u></b>		
11700	Part-Time	2,000.00	0.00
<b><u>0235</u></b>	<b><u>Probation:</u></b>		
11709	Part- Time Probation Officer	15,000.00	15,000.00
	<b><u>TOTAL COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u></b>	<b>15,000.00</b>	<b>15,000.00</b>
<b><u>1176</u></b>	<b><u>MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND:</u></b>		
41730	Office Equipment	2,199.00	2,199.00
	<b><u>TOTAL MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY FUND:</u></b>	<b>2,199.00</b>	<b>2,199.00</b>
<b><u>4903</u></b>	<b><u>SHERIFF WORK PROGRAM FUND:</u></b>		
47210	Equipment	11,359.20	11,359.20
	<b><u>TOTAL SHERIFF WORK PROGRAM FUND:</u></b>	<b>11,359.20</b>	<b>11,359.00</b>
<b><u>4935</u></b>	<b><u>KINSEY – FFT USER FEES FUND:</u></b>		
23401	Food	5,000.00	5,000.00
32510	Building & Structure Repair	4,000.00	4,000.00
	<b><u>TOTAL KINSEY – FFT USER FEES FUND:</u></b>	<b>9,000.00</b>	<b>9,000.00</b>
<b><u>9110</u></b>	<b><u>JUVENILE PROBATION – MAYOR’S COUNCIL FUND:</u></b>		
20000	Supplies	1,500.00	1,500.00
	<b><u>TOTAL JUVENILE PROBATION – MAYOR’S COUNCIL FUND:</u></b>	<b>1,500.00</b>	<b>1,500.00</b>
	<b><u>TOTAL ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR ALL FUNDS:</u></b>	<b>45,318.20</b>	<b>39,058.20</b>

#### **1000 County General Fund – 0005 Sheriff:**

Sheriff Jerry Asher requested additional appropriation for the Sheriff’s salary to meet the Supreme Court Judges and Prosecutors pay raise for 2023 in the amount of \$ 4,260.00 effective July 1, 2022. Councilwoman Lake asked that this be tabled due to the lack of appropriations for the 2022 budget to cover this raise. Council President Bolser asked Sheriff Asher to

appropriate this in the 2023 budgets for next year as well and from now on to submit the request for the next fiscal year’s anticipated raise in the yearly budget request.

**1000 County General Fund – 0013 Center Township Assessor:**

Center Township Assessor Sheila Pullen requested an additional appropriation for the part-time position to cover for when the Chief Deputy is off on leave. Council President Bolser requested that this request be denied out for the County General Fund and be requested and presented from the Reassessment Fund at the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting.

**1000 County General Fund – 0235 Probation**

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Connie Burton requested an additional appropriation for a part-time probation officer for the victim assistance program.

**1176 Motor Vehicle Highway Fund:**

County Highway Engineer Amber Tolle requested an additional appropriation to cover the purchase of a new refrigerator for the break room at the County Highway Department.

**4903 Sheriff Work Program Fund:**

Sheriff Jerry Asher requested additional an appropriation to cover the purchase of a new mower.

**4935 Kinsey – FFT User Fees Fund:**

Robert J. Kinsey Youth Center Director Jeff Lipinski requested an additional appropriation to repair some flooring and to purchase food for Four County programs hosted at the Kinsey Center.

**9110 Juvenile Probation – Mayor’s Council Fund:**

Assistant Chief Probation Officer Connie Burton requested an additional appropriation to cover training for the employees for the Tobacco Addition Prevention Education (TAPE) class. These classes are three hours long and take place on a Saturday; both the child and the parent must attend.

The additional appropriations, having been presented, were approved on a motion made by Councilman Roberts to approve Ordinance No. 2022-HCCO-33 – Additional Appropriations with the exception of the tabling of the Sheriff’s request and the denial of the Center Township Assessor’s request. Councilman Haworth seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF ORDINANCE. NO. 2022-HCCO-34 – SALARY ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS:**

Auditor Jessica Secrease read Ordinance No. 2022-HCCO-34 – Salary Ordinance Amendments one time, and the ordinance was acted upon as follows:

Salary Amendments		Requested	Approved
<b><u>1000</u></b>	<b><u>COUNTY GENERAL FUND:</u></b>		
<b><u>0005</u></b>	<b><u>Sheriff:</u></b>		
11100	Elected Official	4,260.00	Tabled
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Councilwoman Lake made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 2022-HCCO-34 – Salary Ordinance Amendments as read; Councilman Maple seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS:**

**HOWARD COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE:**

*Ad Hoc 13<sup>th</sup> Check for Retirees:*

Sheriff Asher stated that the Sheriff's Office would like to pay out the Ad Hoc 13<sup>th</sup> check for retirees. Councilman Roberts requested to table this request until the council has more information. This request will be presented at the August 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting.

*Crime Analyst Position:*

Sheriff Asher stated that this position was not PAC approved; therefore, it has been removed from the agenda.

**HOWARD COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:**

*Attrition of Project Coordinator Position:*

In the absence of Health Department Administrator James Vest, Commissioner President Paul Wyman stated that the Health Department would like the open Project Coordinator position to go through the attrition process; therefore, the remaining three positions will split the 15% savings (\$6,720) from that position's salary.

**COUNTY ABATEMENTS:**

*2022 Pay 2023 Form CF-1 – MB Real Estate Leasing, LLC:*

Council President Jamie Bolser presented the 2022 Pay 2023 Form CF-1 for MB Real Estate Leasing, LLC. Councilman Papacek made a motion to approve the 2022 Pay 2023 Form CF-1 for MB Real Estate Leasing, LLC as presented. Councilman Haworth seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

*2022 Pay 2023 Form- CF-1 – Merrell Bros., Inc.:*

Council President Jamie Bolser presented the 2022 Pay 2023 Form- CF-1 for Merrell Bros., Inc. Councilman Papacek made a motion to approve the 2022 Pay 2023 Form CF-1 for Merrell Bros., Inc. as presented. Councilman Haworth seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**SOLID WASTE DISTRICT:**

*Resolution 2022-HCCR-16 – MOU Regarding Solid Waste District Levy Shortfall Recoup:*

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented the Resolution 2022-HCCR-16 – MOU Regarding Solid Waste District Levy Shortfall Recoup. This MOU will allow the Auditor's Office to credit Solid Waste's insurance in the amount of their levy shortfall starting in 2023. Councilwoman Lake made a motion to approve the Resolution 2022-HCCR-16 – MOU Regarding Solid Waste District Levy Shortfall Recoup as presented. Councilman Maple seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**JAIL COMMISSARY FUND:**

Sheriff Asher handed out to the June 2022 Jail Commissary Fund Report to the Council Members.

**IN THE MATTER OF OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS:**

**PETITION OF HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING INCREASE IN MAXIMUM AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX LEVY:**

County Attorney Alan Wilson presented the Petition of Howard County Board of Commissioners Requesting Increase in Maximum Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy for a one-time maximum property tax levy increase totaling \$98,000.00 for property taxes first due and payable in 2023. Councilman Roberts made a motion to approve the Petition of Howard County Board of Commissioners Requesting Increase in Maximum Ad Valorem Property Tax Levy as read; Councilman Maple seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

**DEPARTURE OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT BOLSER:**

Council President Bolser stated that it was her last Council Meeting as she will be relocating. She stated that she has enjoyed working with all the Council Members, Elected Officials, Department Heads, Commissioners, and all the Howard County employees. Councilwoman Lake stated that she has worked with Council President Bolser for many years and that she is very

kind and has been a great leader for Howard County in many ways. Councilman Roberts stated that he really hates to see Council President Bolser leave as she has been such a great leader to the County Council and for the County.

Councilman Maple read a statement from Councilman Alexander that stated that the positive impact that Council President Bolser had on the Council can not be over stated. The countless hours that she has worked behind the scenes have been invaluable to the Council and to the County.

*Pillar of the Community Award:*

Commissioner President Wyman presented Council President Bolser with the Pillar of the Community Award, which is the highest award presented to the anyone in the County.

*There being no further business to come before the Council at this time,  
the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. on a motion made by Councilman Roberts.  
Councilwoman Lake seconded the motion, and the motion carried.*

**HOWARD COUNTY COUNCIL:**

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JOHN J. ROBERTS, VICE PRESIDENT

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BRYAN ALEXANDER, COUNCILMAN

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JAMES T. PAPACEK, COUNCILMAN

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MARTHA J. LAKE, COUNCILWOMAN

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DARYL MAPLE, COUNCILMAN

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DONNIE HAWORTH, COUNCILMAN

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FRANK FAULKNER, COUNCILMAN

**ATTEST:**

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JESSICA SECREASE, AUDITOR

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